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1. KOREA

UNC/NK BEGAN SEPARATING TROOPS IN PANMUNJOM TUES, UNDER
AGREEMENT DESIGNED PREVENT RECURRENCE OF 8/18 AX SLAYINGS.

MAC OFFICIALS SAY SHOULD BE COMPLETE BY SEPT 16 (UPI,
NYDN; WP).

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DOD'S ALAN WOODS SAID TUES US FORCES IN SK WILL RETURN TO

"NORMAL ALERT STATUS" AFTER 20 DAYS EXTRA ALERT (WP).
SAID INCREASED STATE OF ALERT WILL NOT BE MAINTAINED
"INDEFINITELY." ADDED MIDWAY TF WILL REMAIN OFF COAST
SK, 2 SQDNS F-4/F-111 REINFORCEMENTS WILL REMAIN IN SK
(REUTER WASHINGTON).

IN MESSAGE TO TROOPS TUES GEN STILWELL SAID KOREAN
SITUATION "GRADUALLY RETURNING TO NORMAL" WITH SIGNING
OF NEW AGREEMENT FOR SECURITY IN PANMUNJOM. CAUTIONED
"LET THIS FOOL NO ONE" SINCE UNUSUAL CALM IN DMZ, AS SEEN
IN PAST, "MASKS AN EVER-POTENTIAL ARENA OF CONFLICT....
WE MUST BE READY TO FIGHT IF NEED BE" (REUTER SEOUL).

2. INDOCHINA

PRES REITERATES THAT DIPL RELS WITH HANOI CANNOT BE
NORMALIZED UNTIL VN GIVES FULL ACCOUNTING MIA'S "WITHOUT
FURTHER DELAY" (MCNAUGHTON, NYT).

VN MOUNTS INTENSIVE DIPL CAMPAIGN IN ADVANCE OF UNSC
MTG NEXT WK THAT WILL DECIDE ON APPLICATION JOIN UN;
LOBBIES SEA NEIGHBORS (REUTER BANGKOK).

FIDEL CASTRO'S ELDER BROTHER RAMON VISITS VN (REUTER
PHINQ; NYT).

NORWEGIAN RIG WILL BEGIN DRILLING OFF VN SHORE SHORTLY,
UNDER 45-MILLION-DOL AGREEMENT BETWEEN OSLO, HANOI
(REUTER, PHINQ).

TWELVE BUDDHIST MONKS/NUNS BURNED SELVES TO DEATH IN
MEKONG DELTA LAST NOV TO PROTEST PERSECUTION BY COMMUNIST
REGIME, ACCORDING UNITED BUDDHIST CHURCH OF VN (AP,
PHINQ).

3. CHINA

SCHLESINGER HOLDS TALKS WITH CHIAO KUAN-HUA (WP, NYT);
AT BANQUET, FOMIN TELLS VISITOR OF PRC BELIEF THERE IS
NO SUCH THING AS GENUINE DETENTE, THAT NEW WORLD WAR
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IS ON WAY (REUTER HK). NYT STORY NOTES CHINESE HAVE
SPOKEN WELL OF SCHLESINGER EVER SINCE HE TOOK COOL POSITION
ON DETENTE WITH SOVIET. PHOTO OF SCHLESINGER (WP), AND
BEING GREETED ON PEKING ARRIVAL BY HOST KO PO-NIEN
(NYT AP).

PRC WILL SEND MEN'S/WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL TEAMS ON 16-DAY US
TOUR NEXT MONTH, CO-SPONSORED BY US VOLLEYBALL ASSN AND

NCUSCR. CHINESE DELEGATION WILL ARRIVE OCT 2, WITH FIRST MATCHES SCHEDULED OCT 4 IN DAYTON, O. OTHERS WILL BE HELD OCT 7 IN WASHINGTON; OCT 9 IN PASADENA, TEX; OCT 10 IN EL PASO, TEX; OCT 13 IN BERKELEY, CALIF (AP, WP).

4. PHILIPPINES

MIL COURT ORDERS ARREST 12 FILS DUE DISAPPEARANCE WHEAT DONATED BY US FOR VICTIMS 1972 FLOODS. CASE INVOLVES DIVERSION 540,000 DOLS WORTH THRU FALSE DOCUMENTS (WP; REUTER, PHINQ).

TAAL VOLCANO NEAR MANILA, QUIET DURING NIGHT, STARTS SENDING OUT ASH AGAIN; 2ND VOLCANO ON REMOTE ISLAND 450 MI SE MANILA BEGINS RUMBLING (REUTER, NYT).

5. MALAYSIA

BISHOP GALVIN OF SARAWAK DIES WHILE ON LEAVE IN ENGLAND; IN 1970 FOUGHT KNIFE WIELDER WHO ATTACKED POPE AT MANILA (REUTER, NYT).

6. AUSTRALIA

GOA BEGINS NEGOTIATING FOR BOND OFFERING UP TO 300 MILLION DOLS IN EUROPEAN MARKET (WSJ; JOC).

7. AMB GRAHAM MARTIN

AMB'S NOMINATION TO NEGOTIATE FUTURE STATUS MICRONESIA RUNS INTO SFRC TROUBLE. TESTIMONY/POSSIBLE ACTION DEFERRED FOR WK, WHEN CMTE MAY STUDY ENVOY'S ROLE IN UNCLASSIFIED

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SAIGON EVACUATION. DOS SAYS NO CONSIDERATION BEING GIVEN TO WITHDRAWAL NOMINATION (WP).

8. JAPAN

US NOTIFIED JAPAN TUES WILL GRANT MIG-25 PILOT LT. VIKTOR BELENKO POLITICAL ASYLUM. OUTWITTED JAPANESE RADAR/F-4 INTERCEPTORS TO LAND HAKODATE MON. FLOWN TO SDF BASE OUTSIDE TOKYO, BEING HELD IN SECRET LOCATION FOR SAFETY, PENDING TRANSFER TO US AUTHORITIES SOMETIME THURS (NYT, SPEC; CHITRIB; SAAR, WP).

NESSEN TOLD WH PRESS TUES FORD MADE DECISION GRANT ASYLUM REQUEST, AFTER "PROPER CONSULTATION" WITH NSC (REUTER, NYT; WP). ADDED DISPOSITION MIG-25 IS "CHOICE OF

THE JAPANESE" (CHITRIB). DOS SPOKESMAN ALSO SAID DISPOSITION "JAPANESE PROBLEM"; OTHER ADMIN SOURCES SAID "IMAGINE WE'LL LOOK IT OVER" (UPI, WSTAR 9/7). WOODS SAID DOD HAS "INTEREST" IN "FOXBAT", DECLINED SAY IF US INTELL TEAM SENT TO EXAMINE (NYDN).

PM MIKI TOLD CABINET TUES GOJ WOULD HANDLE AFFAIR CAUTIOUSLY, BECAUSE OF INTL IMPLICATIONS (REUTER TOKYO). MIYAZAWA REPORTEDLY TOLD CABINET SHOULD BE ASSURANCES SOV WOULD NOT TAKE REPRISALS AGAINST BELENKO'S WIFE/RELATIVES (SAAR). FM TOLD PRESS GOJ APPROVED PILOT'S REQUEST SEEK ASYLUM IN US ON "HUMANITARIAN GROUNDS," AFTER INTERVIEW IN WHICH CONFIRMED HE'S "GENUINE DEFECTOR," FLEW TO JAPAN "VOLUNTARILY." ADDED RETURN OF PLANE

DEMANDED BY SOV COULD BE DISCUSSED IN DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS (UPI, WSTAR 9/7; CHITRIB).

GOJ REFUSED REPEATED SOV REQUESTS FOR "IMMEDIATE RETURN" OF WORLD'S MOST ADVANCED AIRCRAFT. GOJ OFFICIALS SAID 20 EXPERTS HAVE BEGUN EXAMINE PLANE, AT REQUEST OF HAKODATE PROSECUTOR. JDA SAID PRIMARILY INTERESTED IN MIG-25 ELECTRONIC FIRE CONTROL SYSTEM. GOJ OFFICIALS DECLINED SAY WHETHER US INTELL EXPERTS HAVE EXAMINED. MEANTIME, PLANE SHROUDED IN CANVAS AT HAKODATE AIRPORT, UNDER POLICE GUARD (REUTER TOKYO). UNCLASSIFIED

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DOS/DOD OFFICIALS SAID WERE "UNAWARE" ANY DIRECT US/SOV CONTACTS ABOUT PLANE (NYDN).

FOUR NATO AIR ATTACHES IN TOKYO ASKED JDA FOR PERMISSION EXAMINE CRAFT, NEVER SEEN BEFORE OUTSIDE COMMUNIST BLOC/ARAB COUNTRIES. TURNED DOWN BECAUSE PLANE NOT UNDER JDA JURISDICTION. UK AIRATT REPORTEDLY FLEW HAKODATE TO TRY GET CLOSE LOOK (NYT SPEC).

POLICE QUOTE BELENKO SAYING HAS PLANNED DEFECT FOR PAST 2 YEARS; DISENCHANTED WITH LACK FREEDOM IN SOV; PLANNED LAND AT CHITOSE AB, INSTEAD CAME INTO HOKADATE CIVIL AIRPORT AFTER DROPPING TO DECK TO EVADE RADAR/INTERCEPTORS (UPI, WSTAR 9/7). ACCORDING UNCONFIRMED REPORTS, WANTED HAND PLANE OVER TO US AUTHORITIES (SAAR, WP).

AP PHOTO BELENKO (WSTAR 9/7); UPI PHOTO BELENKO (SUN, NYDN); UPI PHOTO CANVAS-SHROUDED MIG-25 (CHITRIB); AP PHOTO OF PLANE (WP); AP PHOTO JAPANESE POLICE CHECKING COCKPIT (WP).

COLUMBUS, GA, 7-MAN TRADE MISSION CALLED ON 19 JAPANESE FIRMS TUES, SOLICITING DIRECT INVESTMENT IN THEIR CITY TO IMPROVE US/JAPAN ECON RELS (AP, WP).

PENSION MINES' SPOKESMAN SAID JAPANESE STEEL FIRMS AGREED NEGOTIATE PURCHASE UP TO 5 MILLION TONS METALLURGICAL COAL PER YR, ON LONG-TERM BASIS, FROM SUBSIDIARY QUINNETTE COAL LTD (WSJ, TORONTO).

CULLISON REPORTS MOF STUDYING MEASURES PROVIDE MORE ORDERLY MARKETING OF EXPORTS, THUS DISARM THOSE IN WEST WHO CRITICIZE JAPAN'S MONETARY POLICIES. WILL SOON BEGIN DISCUSSIONS ON SUBJECT WITH MITI/OTHER GOJ AGENCIES.

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

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CHITRIB THINKS HANOI DELUDING SELF IF HOPES IMPROVE CREDIBILITY WITH US BY TOKEN GESTURE OF GIVING NAMES 12 MORE AMERICANS KIA. NOTES HANOI DEIGNED GIVE INFO THRU OFFICIAL CHANNELS INSTEAD OF VISITING CONGRESSMEN, ANTIWAR ACTIVISTS, BUT INFO CONTAINED NO DETAILS, EXPLANATION TO COMFORT/CONVINCE FAMILIES. ASKS WHERE BODIES ARE. OPINES VN HAS COMPILED NAMES, RATIONS THEM OUT AS DEEMS NECESSARY TO FURTHER DIPL GOALS: UN ADMISSION, ECON AID FROM US. CONCLUDES BEFORE HANOI CAN HOPE FOR HELP FROM US, MUST DO LOT MORE TO HELP ACCOUNT FOR MIAS.

CSM SEES HANOI OBJECTIVES IN RELEASING KIA NAMES AS ADMISSION TO UN, US AID. NOTES UNRESOLVED MAJOR QUESTIONS: C-F COLLAPSED WHEN HANOI ATTACKED, SO AID NEGOTS NEVER REALLY GOT STARTED; VN HAS NOT PROVIDED SUFFICIENT INFO ON MIAS. BELIEVES HANOI'S PLOY IS PROVIDE LITTLE INFO AS GOODWILL GESTURE, BUT NOT SURRENDER ITS CHIEF LEVERAGE ON US. THINKS QUESTION POSSIBLE US AID SHOULD REMAIN IN ABEYANCE; SEES CASE FOR ADMITTING VN INTO UN, THO THINKS WOULD SPARK CRITICISM FROM REAGANITES, WHOSE SUPPORT PRES NEEDS. STATES IF VN HAS MORE INFO, THIS IS TIME SET IT FORTH OR OFFER CONVINCING EVIDENCE THAT CANNOT ASCERTAIN MIAS' FATE. ONLY WHEN COMPLETE ACCOUNTING GIVEN CAN THERE BE EVEN THOUGHT OF CONSIDERING POSSIBLE US AID IN REPAIRING WAR DAMAGE.

MCARTHUR (LAT 9/6) NOTES ASSESSMENT W DIPLOMATS THAT,

THO VN LEADERS SEEK MORE AID, HAIPHONG CHOKED WITH SHIPS AND GOVT SEEMS INCAPABLE ABSORBING NEAR DELUGE OF MONEY ALREADY PLEDGED. MENTIONS RED TAPE, BUREAUCRACY AT MIDDLE/LOWER LEVELS THAT DELAYS DECISIONS. QUOTES EUROPEAN THAT RECONSTRUCTION MOVING AT TOP SPEED WITH STRUCTURE HANOI HAS, CAN'T GO MUCH FASTER FOR MOMENT. SAYS FOREIGNERS IN HANOI INCLUDE RUSSIANS, E GERMANS, SCANDINAVIANS, FRENCH, JAPANESE; CHINESE SELDOM SEEN, CUBANS DIMINISHING. SAYS IMPOSSIBLE ESTIMATE PRECISELY HOW MUCH AID COMING IN, THOUGH GUESS IS 3 BILLION DOLS CURRENTLY PLEDGED. SAYS CHINESE REPORTEDLY IRKED WHEN VIETS BEGAN SELLING RICE IN SINGAPORE FOR HARD CURRENCY, UNCLASSIFIED

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EXPECTING DONOR NATONS MAKE UP SHORTAGES LATER. BELIEVES

JAPANESE HAVE CONSIDERABLE INFLUENCE IN HANOI DUE LARGE TRADE INVOLVEMENT. OBSERVES POLITBURO AWARE PROBLEM, CONDEMNS BUREAUCRACY, CALLS FOR EFFICIENCY.

10. CHINA

WP'S MATHEWS, IN HK, NOTES PEOPLE'S DAILY'S INDICATION TUES, FOR FIRST TIME THIS YEAR, THAT "ARMED STRUGGLE" HAS BROKEN OUT IN PRC, AND HINT COUNTRY PLAGUED BY RR TIEUPS; OBSERVES PAPER APPEARED CALL FOR MAJOR TURN TOWARD PRODUCTION, AWAY FROM POLITICS. MATHEWS POINTS OUT WARNINGS AGAINST STRUGGLE AND INDICATIONS OF RR DELAYS WERE DELETED BY NCNA BEFORE EDIT SENT OUT OVER ITS ENGLISH-LANGUAGE WIRE, ALTHOUGH REFERENCES APPEARED IN FULL CHINESE TEXT CARRIED IN PD AND BROADCAST IN CHINESE BY RADIO PEKING (ALSO IN PHINQ).

CDN'S KEYES BEECH, IN HK, FINDS EVIDENCE OVERWHELMING THAT PRC IS IN "DEEP TROUBLE." SAYS MORAL DISCIPLINE THAT HELD NATION TOGETHER MORE THAN 25 YRS APPEARS TO HAVE COME APART AT SEAMS. COUNTRY WAS NEVER SO CRIME-FREE AS SOME STARRY-EYED VISITORS WERE LED TO BELIEVE DURING THEIR GUIDED TOURS; BUT NOW CRIME RANGING FROM PETTY THEFT TO MURDER/BANK ROBBERY IS SO WIDESPREAD THAT OFFICIALS NO LONGER CAN CONCEAL IT. SAYS IN THEIR ZEAL TO GET FOREIGNERS OUT OF PEKING FOLLOWING RECENT EARTHQUAKE, CHINESE OFFICIALS PACKED THEM OFF TO PROVINCES -- WHERE THEY SAW SOME THINGS THEY WEREN'T SUPPOSED TO: IN HUNAN PROVINCE CAPITAL CHANGSHA, FOREIGNERS SAW SIX TRUCKLOADS OF MEN, WITH PLACARDS AROUND NECKS DETAILING THEIR ALLEGED CRIMES -- IN SOME INSTANCES MURDER -- BEING PARADED THROUGH STREETS AT GUNPOINT. IN WUHAN EVIDENCE WAS SIGHTED OF BANK ROBBERY -- AND THERE WAS LARGE PUBLIC DEMONSTRATION

DEMANDING RESTORATION LAW-ORDER. TRAVELERS ALSO REPORT PROSTITUTION THRIVING IN BIG CITIES, INCLUDING SHANGHAI/CANTON (9/4-5).

GLOBE CARRIES (KNIGHT) INTERVIEWS WITH JAMES VENERIS
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IN PHILA. DEFECTOR SAYS HE DECIDED RETURN US BECAUSE IT WAS BICENTENNIAL -- "VERY REVOLUTIONARY EVENT" -- AND BECAUSE HE WISHED VISIT MOTHER, SEE OLD FRIENDS. SAYS HE LOVES US, STILL THINKS OF SELF AS PATRIOTIC, BUT "CHINA IS MY HOME NOW. I'M NOT A COMMUNIST OR A MEMBER OF THE PARTY, BUT I THINK OF (MAO) AS MY DEAR FATHER."

IN TAIPEI, LAT'S LESLIE (9/5) CITES MANY GROG SUPPORTERS WHO HOLD VIEW THAT US DERECOGNITION OF TAIWAN AND RECOGNITION PRC COULD MAKE PEKING MIL ATTACK ON ROC

UNNECESSARY, SINCE WOULD GIVE COMMUNISTS ENOUGH ECON/ DIPLO LEVERAGE TO CONTROL TAIWAN DESTINY. SAYS THOSE FEELING THIS WAY CAN MARSHAL IMPRESSIVE EVIDENCE TO SHOW ECON/POLITICAL CONSEQUENCES OF PROSPECTIVE US CHANGE ARE MORE THREATENING TO TAIWAN THAN ITS MIL IMPLICATIONS.

LESLIE CONCLUDES WHILE THERE ARE MANY STRONG REASONS FOR ESTABLISHING RELS WITH PEKING, US SHOULD RECOGNIZE THIS CANNOT BE DONE WITHOUT SOME HARM TO ROC, EVEN IF PRC CONCEDES ALL POINTS CONCERNING TAIWAN IN NEGOTS. DAMAGE MIGHT NOT BE APPARENT FOR MANY YEARS, BUT CHINESE ARE PATIENT PEOPLE, AND PRC SHOULD BE WILLING WAIT; UNHURRIED NEGOTS, PERHAPS TAKING LONG AS YEAR, PROBABLY NECESSARY TO ENSURE TAIWAN'S ECON SURVIVAL. ADDS THAT, IN ADDITION, US MUST BE PREPARED POSSIBLY CONCLUDE PRICE OF RELS WITH PEKING IS TOO HIGH-- SOMETHING THAT RUNS COUNTER TO CURRENT ASSUMPTION AMONG US OFFICIALS THAT NORMALIZATION INEVITABLE.

IN LATER COLUMN, LESLIE (9/7 TAIPEI) FINDS MANY TAIWANESE HAVE CONCLUDED THEIR INTERESTS MERGE WITH THOSE OF NATIONALISTS. AS MUCH AS ANYTHING ELSE, TAIWANESE INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT IS CASUALTY OF US EFFORT NORMALIZE RELS WITH PEKING, WHICH DASHED TAIWANESE DISSIDENTS' HOPES THAT US WOULD SUPPORT THEM IN ESTABLISHING INDEPENDENT GOVT; THEY WERE FORCED ACCEPT THAT ONLY TWO ALTERNATIVES REMAINED FOR ISLAND: IT WOULD CONTINUE UNDER NATIONALIST CONTROL OR BE TAKEN OVER BY PRC. VIRTUALLY ALL TAIWANESE APPEAR TO PREFER NATIONALIST
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TO COMMUNISTS, AND HAVE BECOME INCREASINGLY RECONCILED TO COEXISTENCE WITH NATIONALISTS.

11. JAPAN

SEIDEN (SUN) DESCRIBES JAPANESE POLITICS AS SOMETHING CARRIED ON ALMOST ENTIRELY BEHIND SCENES, WITH PM BEING ELECTED NOT BY PEOPLE, BUT DIET MEMBERS OF MAJORITY PARTY. THUS CONCLUDES DEMOCRACY IN JAPAN IS "THIN, FOREIGN VENEER, CLEVERLY DISGUIISING THE TRADITIONAL NATIVE OLIGARCHY THAT STILL RULES" IN MANY RESPECTS. HOW ELSE, HE ASKS, CAN ONE EXPLAIN SITUATION IN WHICH MOST POPULAR PM IN MANY YEARS, MIKI, IS DESPERATELY FIGHTING MOVES WITHIN OWN PARTY TO OUST HIM?

NYT'S MIDDLETON STATES ACCESS TO MIG-25 FLOWN INTO HAKODATE BY DEFECTOR "MOST IMPORTANT EAST-WEST COUP" SINCE U-2 SHOT DOWN 16 YRS AGO. NOTES "FOXBAT" CAPABILITY LED SHAW BUY F-14 TOMCAT, WHICH CAN DEAL WITH WORLD'S MOST ADVANCED AIRCRAFT, PROVIDED IT'S ARMED WITH PHOENIX MISSILES.

WP'S WILSON SAYS US ANALYSTS' PRIMARY INTEREST IN MIG-25 IS ITS RADAR/FIRE CONTROL SYSTEMS, MATERIALS/ENGINEERING USED TO WITHSTAND HEAT GENERATED BY MACH-3 FLIGHT. NOTES NOT CLEAR TUES WHETHER US TECHNICIANS WILL GET CHANCE TEST-FLY "FOXBAT", OR WHETHER GOJ WOULD LIMIT THEM TO EXAMINATION ON GROUND.

CORDDRY (SUN) SAID US AERO EXPERTS PUT PRIZED MIG-25 UNDER "MINUTE EXAMINATION" TUES. LABELS THIS FIRST OPPORTUNITY INSPECT "FOXBAT" -- AN "INTELLIGENCE COUP OF ENORMOUS SIGNIFICANCE."

RENSBERGER (NYT) REVIEWS ANTHRO STUDIES OF ANCIENT/ MODERN TEETH, THAT LEAD TO CONCLUSION JAPANESE ARE DESCENDED FROM COLONY OF CHINESE WHO SAILED TO JAPAN ABOUT 2,200 HUNDRED YEARS AGO, AND DISPLACED MORE PRIMITIVE PEOPLE WHO HAD LIVED THERE FOR THOUSANDS OF YEARS.

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12. KOREA

LAT (9/6) DEPLORES CONVICTION/SENTENCING OF 18 DISSIDENTS

WHO OPPOSE PARK'S DICTATORIAL RULE. FINDS TACIT
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT THEIR VIEWS SHARED BY MANY SKOREANS,
ON BASIS DEFENSE OF NEED FOR TRIAL BY ROK OFFICIAL,
WHO SAID, "IF WE DID NOT DEAL WITH THEM, IT MIGHT
SPREAD TO THE WHOLE COUNTRY." DECLARES COURAGE AND
DECENCY OF DISSIDENTS MUST NOT BE FORGOTTEN.

PITTSBURGH PA PRESS (9/1) CITES LLOYD BUCHER TELEPHONE
INTERVIEW WITH CINCINNATI INQUIRER -- SAID NKOREANS
"COMMITTED OUTRIGHT MURDER ... ARE PROBABLY PROUD OF
IT". ADDED OWN CAPTIVITY IN NK, WITH 82 PUEBLO CREWMEN,
OPENED HIS EYES TO THINGS HE DIDN'T THINK EXISTED.

IF PAST IS ANY INDICATION, STLP-D (9/1) BELIEVES RECENT
EVENTS AT PANMUNJOM WILL PERMIT PARK JUSTIFY FURTHER
TIGHTENING OF SCREWS. MEASURED BY ANY STANDARD, EXCEPT
COMPARISON TO NK WHERE HUMAN RIGHTS FAR MORE ABUSED,
PARK AND HIS COLLABORATORS HAVE DISGRACEFULLY ABUSED
THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES.

NYT SPEC (SEOUL) SAYS MANY SKOREANS ATTRIBUTE TO NEW
SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS FOR PANMUNJOM THE "UNHAPPY
SIGNIFICANCE" OF COMPLETING PARTITION OF KOREAN PENINSULA.
TRUCE VILLAGE USED TO BE SYMBOL, BUT NOW "EVEN THAT HAS

DISAPPEARED," ACCORDING SK POLITICIAN WHO ASKED REMAIN
UNIDENTIFIED. NOTES DIPLOMATS IN SEOUL SURPRISED AT
MODERATION SHOWN BY ROKG SINCE 8/18 CLASH, AND NEW
UNC/NK ACCORD. CITES INFLUENTIAL ASSYMAN CLOSE PRES
PARK, WHO SAID ROKG DID NOT WISH EMBARRASS FORD IN
ELECTION YEAR WITH "BRISTLING CALL TO ARMS."

SCHMIDT (CSM), IN WASHINGTON, CITES INTELL OFFICIALS
WHO BELIEVE PRESSURE BY PRC/SOV WAS, IN PART, RESPONSIBLE
FOR PROMPT NK AGREEMENT TO SEPARATE GUARDS AT PANMUNJOM.
NOTE ARRANGEMENTS NEARLY IDENTICAL TO THOSE UNC PRO-
POSED IN 1970, REJECTED BY NK. SAYS POSSIBILITY BEING
STUDIED BY INTELL ANALYSTS THERE MAY BE DIFFERENCES
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WITHIN NK COMMAND ON HOW DEAL WITH US AS REPRESENTATIVE
OF UNC.

NYT AGREES PARTITION NOT IDEAL SOLUTION TO RECURRING
VIOLENCE, BUT SOMETIMES MAY BE "LEAST UNSATISFACTORY" WAY
OUT OF CHRONICALLY DANGEROUS SITUATION. IN GENERALLY
DISQUIETING SITUATION, FINDS ENCOURAGEMENT IN FACT
NEITHER PARTY WISHED ESCALATE TREE-TRIMMING EPISODE INTO
MAJOR CRISIS. WOULD BE COMFORTING TO BELIEVE THAT
CLIMATE WHICH PRODUCED NEW SECURITY ARRANGEMENT PRESAGES

SERIOUS NEGOTIATIONS FOR LONG-OVERDUE KOREAN PEACE SETTLEMENT, BUT IN ABSENCE OF CLEAR-CUT NK RENUNCIATION AIM OF MIL CONQUEST OF SOUTH, STATES US HAS NO ALTERNATIVE TO HELPING SK DEFEND ITS TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY.

AMERICAN U TRUSTEE/BUSINESSMAN HANCHO KIM (WSTAR 9/5) DEFENDS PARK DOMESTIC POLICIES ON GROUNDS NECESSITATED BY RECENT EVENTS -- NK TUNNELS UNDER DMZ; MURDER OF MRS. PARK IN ASSASSINATION TRY ON PRES HIMSELF; NK COMMANDO RAID ON BLUE HOUSE. ARGUES REALITY OF KOREAN SITUATION DOES NOT YIELD TO "UTOPIAN YARDSTICKS." WHEN US WAS AT WAR, RECALLS TRAVEL LIMITED, GAS RATIONED, HABEAS CORPUS SUSPENDED SOMETIME, AND ENTIRE ETHNIC POPULATION ONCE INTERNED.

13. GENERAL

KRAMER (WSJ) REVIEWS 4-SIDED STRUGGLE AMONG PHILS, PRC, VN, TAIWAN BREWING UP OVER CONTROL OIL RESOURCES S CHINA SEA. NOTES STRUGGLE 5-SIDED IF INCLUDES CLAIM AMCIT MEADS WHO STATES HE OWNS AREA. REPORTS VARIOUS ISLANDS IN SPRATLYS OCCUPIED BY VN, PHILS, CHINATS, WHILE PRC FORTIFIES PARACELS. NOTES NO SERIOUS MIL CONFRONTATION YET, THO SMALL INCIDENTS REPORTED. MENTIONS DOS

CONSIDERS MEADS TO BE CRANK, ASKED AMOCO "PLAY DOWN" ROLE IN AREA. OPINES NONE OF NATIONS HAS CLEARLY SUPERIOR CLAIM TO SPRATLYS. GIVES HISTORY VARIOUS CLAIMS, INCLUDING MEADS'. KISSINGER

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